

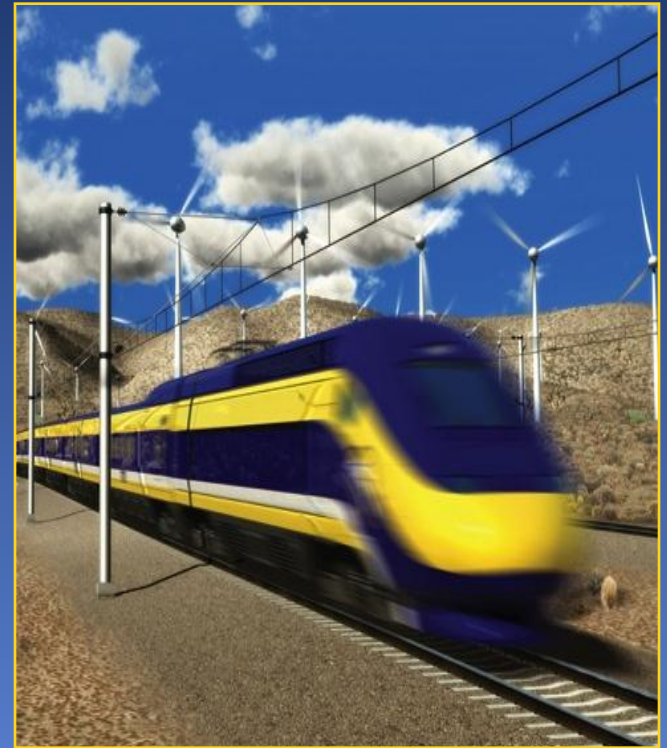


**SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
DISPARITY STUDY**

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
AUGUST 2, 2012

OVERVIEW

- On September 15, 2011, the Authority was directed by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to conduct a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Availability and Disparity Study, to be completed and submitted to FRA no later than one year from September 15, 2011.
- The Authority requested FRA to authorize grant funding and to approve an extension to complete the Study by July 2013. The FRA approved the request on June 11, 2012.



STUDY

The Study, estimated to cost \$250,000, will examine the availability of DBEs who are ready, willing and able to participate in the high-speed rail project and whether and to what extent there are disparities between the availability of DBEs and their utilization on the Authority's federally assisted contracts.

The Authority shall take actions accordingly to release a RFP to conduct and complete the Study by July 2013.



QUESTIONS



Thank You.